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SUBJECT: PROMINENT OPPOSITION LEADER ATTACKS LABOR GOVERN-
MENT ATTITUDE ON PLO AND PRG

1. IN STATEMENT ISSUED IN CANBERRA MAR 9, OPPOSITION SPOKES-
MAN FOR LABOR, MALCOLM FRASER, ATTACKED LABOR GOVERNMENT FOR-
EIGN POLICY AS ONE OF DOUBLE STANDARDS. HE SAID PRIME MIN-
ISTER WHITLAM HAD MADE IT PLAIN THAT HE WAS PLANNING TO RE-
VERSE A PREVIOUS DECISION AND ALLOW PLO TO ESTABLISH OFFICE
IN AUSTRALIA AND THAT WHITLAM HAD SUPPORTED PRG, WHILE BLAM-
ING GVN AND US FOR BREAKING ACCORDS ON VIET-NAM.

2. FRASER CONTINUED, QTE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT BELIEVE THAT
HE IS MOVING ON THE TIDE OF HISTORY, MIGHT BELIEVE THAT THERE
IS AN INEXORABLE MOVEMENT IN WHICH THOSE WHO EMBRACE TERROR
AND MURDER AND WAR WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR OBJECTIVE. IF
HE BELIEVES THAT IT IS THE TIDE OF HISTORY, THERE IS LITTLE
HOPE FOR THE CONTINUED FREEDOM FOR PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN DEMO-
CRACIES SUCH AS AUSTRALIAWHEN PEOPLE IN COUNTRIES LIKE
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LOSE THEIR WILL AND RESOLUTION, THEY MOVE THE WORLD IN-

EXORABLY INTO A DANGEROUS AND DIFFICULT SITUATION IN WHICH THOSE WHO WISH TO ACHIEVE THEIR OBJECTIVES BY ILLICIT MEANS WILL BECOME BOLDER, MORE AGGRESSIVE AND MORE DANGEROUS. END QTE

3. COMMENT: FRASER, WHO HAS ALWAYS BEEN A HARD-LINER FROM CONSERVATIVE SIDE OF LIBERAL PARTY, HAS RECENTLY BEEN SILENT IN PUBLIC ON FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES, CONCENTRATING ON HIS SHADOW PORTFOLIO OF LABOR AFFAIRS. HOWEVER, THERE CONTINUES TO BE WIDESPREAD SPECULATION THAT HE WILL SHORTLY MAKE A BID FOR LEADERSHIP OF THE LIBERAL PARTY. IF HE BECOMES PARTY LEADER, OF COURSE HIS VIEWS WOULD BE OF VERY CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE FOR FUTURE AUSTRALIAN POLICY WHEN THE PRESENT OPPOSITION ENTERS GOVERNMENT. EVEN IF HE DOES NOT MAKE A FORMAL BID TO BECOME PARTY LEADER, HIS VIEWS AS EXPRESSED AT THIS TIME TEND TO FIRM UP OPPOSITION POLICY ON THE PLO AND PRG ISSUE.
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